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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices on larger sizes were unchanged to sharply higher, and lighter weight eggs were unchanged to higher. The market tone was fully steady to firm, and heavier weights were in the strongest position. Demand was mostly moderate to good, and was best where retail features generated additional interest. Supplies were usually adequate on smaller sizes, and mostly tight on the larger sizes. Breaking stock supplies were generally adequate for the light demand, and the undertone was steady to fully steady. Some breakers found it advantageous to sell heavier weights into grading channels due to current market levels. Light type fowl were more than sufficient for processors' needs.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, extra large and large prices were unchanged to 15.5 cents higher and mediums were unchanged to 4 cents higher. In Boston, extra large prices ranged 2-17 cents higher, large ranged 2-16 cents higher, and mediums were unchanged. Prices paid to producers in New England were unchanged. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand remained moderate to good, best where featured. Supplies were mostly adequate to short. Breaking stock offerings were generally adequate for the light to moderate demand and prices were higher. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for slaughter needs.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was mixed and ranged moderate to good, best where items were featured. Supplies were short to mostly adequate with the larger sizes in the closest position.

**MIDWEST** Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were 2 cents higher for large, mediums and smalls unchanged. In Chicago, prices were 2 cents higher for the larger sizes with mediums unchanged. Reported prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were sharply higher for the larger weights and unchanged to moderately higher for the balance. Prices elsewhere unchanged. Trade sentiment ranged from steady to firm, with the larger sizes in the best position. Retail and food service demand was moderate to very good with active features creating additional product demand. Supplies were in close balance on the larger sizes and mostly adequate for the smaller graded product. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Trading and demand was light with adequate offerings for current needs. Some buyers are shortening schedules or entering shell eggs in graded channels. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices for extra large and large 2 cents higher, mediums unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Demand into all areas mostly moderate and best where features are a factor. Supplies in close balance to barely adequate.

**SOUTHERN** In Atlanta and Florida, prices were higher on all sizes. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand was generally moderate to good entering the week. Supplies of the larger sizes remained tight and the medium and smaller eggs were usually adequate for immediate needs. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending July 16, 1999, was 50.23 cents, 7.56 cents higher than the week before, but 9.90 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were generally adequate from regular sources for the light to moderate demand. Spent hen availability was fully sufficient for immediate needs.

**WESTERN** Prices 13 cents higher on jumbo, 16 cents higher on extra large and large, and 6 cents higher on medium and small in California; 14 cents higher on jumbo, 16 cents higher on extra large and large, and 5 cents higher on medium in the Northwest. The Pacific region inventory was unchanged from last Monday with California down 8% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 18%. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings short.

**PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	104-108	93-97	56-58
New York	74-76	71-74	41-44
Philadelphia	65.5-74	63.5-72	40-41
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	62-63	60.5-62	33-34
Jackson (1)	77-78	71-72	42-43
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	72-82	66-80	40-54
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	62-67	61-66	32-37
Detroit (2)	59-62	58-61	28-31
Major Ohio Cities (2)	58-65	57-63	29-34
Major Wisconsin Cities	63-71	51-62	32-39
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	77-80	71-74	47-48
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	100	90	65
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Prices 13 cents higher on jumbo, 16 cents higher on extra large and large, and 6 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 8% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand good over the weekend. Offerings short. Small invoice price 45. Ads in Northern California: large dozen buy 1 get 1 free.

**PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	RANGE
JUMBO	112
EXTRA LARGE	100
LARGE	90
MEDIUM	65

**PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>		<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	199-265
EXTRA LARGE	219-279	EXTRA LARGE	189-239
LARGE	199-219	LARGE	169-225
MEDIUM	187-205	MEDIUM	119-189

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending July 23, 1999 will decrease by 8 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending July 16, 1999 were 269,217 cases which was 1 percent below the prior week and 0 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	235,176	34,041	269,217
% change from the prior week.....	+1	-13	-1

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Trading and demand was usually light with offerings adequate for current needs. Some breakers shortening production schedules or diverting shell eggs to graded channels. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	31-33	32-33
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	14-16	15

CENTRAL STATES AREA:  
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT** Prices were irregular when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for fully adequate to ample offerings. Schedules were usually normal. Undertone was mixed but mostly steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 19-JUL-99

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-19	16-17	15.76

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT  
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT** Prices were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 LBS AND UP) \* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 19-JUL-99

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	10-19.5	15.5-17.5	16.78

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-** AM July 19, 1999  
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO Northeast	NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	3.6	5.3	3.3	6.6	5.4	24.2
	Change	0.1	-1.1	0.4	0.7	-0.3	-1%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	14.4	12.9	5.8	13.8	10.7	57.6
	Change	1.1	-4.5	1.1	1.9	-1.3	-3%
Large	Curr Wk	25.1	34.0	32.3	39.4	48.7	179.5
	Change	1.6	-6.3	2.3	5.0	-1.7	1%
Medium	Curr Wk	20.3	31.5	18.0	25.4	23.2	118.4
	Change	2.2	6.5	5.5	2.0	0.9	17%
Small	Curr Wk	7.6	8.1	5.0	9.3	8.5	38.5
	Change	0.5	-3.2	0.6	-0.4	1.0	-4%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.7	12.2	9.4	11.1	5.5	42.9
	Change	-0.7	-0.7	0.3	1.7	-0.7	0%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	18.3	48.9	10.1	22.9	40.2	140.4
	Change	-2.3	-6.0	-4.0	-7.9	2.5	-11%
Total	Curr Wk	94.0	152.9	83.9	128.5	142.2	601.5
Percent	Change	3%	-9%	8%	2%	0%	-1%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	601.5	-1%	167
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	466.1	-4%	38
Total Shell Egg	1067.6	-2%	205

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 167 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

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No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

#### CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 08, 1999

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	161	157.9	148.9	107.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 08, 1999 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	125	125	115	75

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 07/16/99

**CURRENT LOADS** 14.00 **FUTURE LOADS** 12.50 **TOTAL LOADS** 26.50

		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		ORG	DST		ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	53.00	54.00	—	58.00	55.00	—	3.00	GNR BR 1	—	55.00	—	—		—	—		—	—	1.00
GNR W 2	—	—	51.00	52.00	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	62.00	—	—	—		—	—		71.00	2.00	
GNR W 3	—	—	25.50	27.00	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	60.00	—	—	—		—	—		68.50	3.00	
GNR BR 1	—	—	47.75	—	—	—	1.00	GL W MD	29.00	—	—	—		—	—		29.67	3.00	
GL W XL	—	—	—	—	62.00	—	1.00												
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.50												
GL W MD	—	—	18.00	—	—	—	2.00												
GL W SM	—	—	18.00	21.00	18.25	20.00	2.00												
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00												
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00												

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 07/12/99 - 07/16/99

**CURRENT LOADS** 126.75 **FUTURE LOADS** 29.50 **TOTAL LOADS** 156.25

		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		SW		LOADS		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST
GNR W 1	45.33	52.28	43.67	48.63	48.20	52.00	55.00	GNR W 1	—	50.12	—	—	—	—	63.50	20.00	GNR W 1	—	50.12	—
GNR W 2	—	—	51.00	52.00	49.50	52.00	6.00	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	GNR W 2	—	—	2.00
GNR W 3	—	—	24.50	26.13	27.08	29.43	14.00	GNR W 3	—	30.00	—	—	—	—	—	3.00	GNR W 3	—	—	3.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	22.00	24.00	1.00	GNR BR 1	—	55.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	47.75	—	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	58.00	57.00	—	—	—	—	66.45	8.00	GL W XL	—	—	8.00
GL W XL	—	—	55.00	63.13	58.56	—	16.75	GL W LG	57.33	—	—	—	—	—	60.15	14.75	GL W LG	—	—	14.75
GL W LG	—	62.75	52.25	53.50	50.41	52.00	20.25	GL W MD	27.00	25.75	—	—	25.00	29.40	9.00	GL W MD	—	—	9.00	9.00
GL W MD	21.25	—	19.50	23.00	—	29.00	10.00	GL W SM	—	22.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W SM	—	—	1.00
GL W SM	—	21.50	18.00	20.25	18.25	20.00	9.00													
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	23.00	24.75	5.00													
NRBS - 42	—	—	22.00	23.00	26.00	27.00	3.50													
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	19.00	1.00													
NRBS - 36	—	—	12.00	13.00	—	—	4.75													

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**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 07/04/99 - 07/10/99**

Origin State	AZ	CO	IN	IA	MI	MN	MO	NH	OH	OR	PA	TX	UT
N. CA	-	-	-	1,290	-	-	-	-	-	2,454	960	-	3,215
C. CA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	400	528	-	-	-
S. CA	1,600	3,490	810	3,300	625	1,570	3,781	510	1,890	-	-	850	1,750
TOTAL	1,600	3,490	810	4,590	625	1,570	3,781	510	2,290	2,992	960	850	4,965

N. CA TOTAL: 7,929 C. CA TOTAL: 928 S. CA TOTAL: 20,176 TOTAL STATE: 29,033  
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**NEW ENGLAND**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
124-127	87-90	76-79	37-40	16-19

**DETROIT EGGS**

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
67-70	58-64	56-61	26-31	20-24

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
42-44	14-16	7-9

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
72.62	48.95	40.34

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	7/12/99	7/5/99	7/20/98
PACIFIC COAST	220	187	44
LOS ANGELES	213	168	44

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS** PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR July 13, 1999:

CARTONS	WTG AVG
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EX-LARGE	149-155	153.43
LARGE	143-150	148.40
MEDIUM	124-139	133.46
SMALL	106-109	108.48

Receipts from the mainland: 7/4/99-7/10/99  
30-dozen cases 3,294

Receipts from the mainland: 6/27/99-7/3/99  
30-dozen cases 3,333

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